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Sir:

Enclosed for filing is a divisional patent application of parent U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/016,837, assigned to Examiner Brandon Bowers of Group Art Unit 2825, by inventor Youping Zhang, entitled, METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONTROLLING RIPPLING DURING OPTICAL PROXIMITY CORRECTION. Enclosed is a true copy of serial number 10/016,837 as originally filed.

No. of pages in Specification: <u>16</u>; No. of Claims: <u>24</u> (after considering preliminary amendment).

No. of pages in Abstract <u>1</u>

No. of Sheets of Drawings: <u>9</u>; Formal: <u>X</u>, Informal: ___.

Also enclosed are:

- [X] a Preliminary Amendment;
- [X] a Recordation cover sheet, an assignment document and a form PTO-1595 from a prior application;
- [X] a Declaration of the inventors(s) from a prior application under 37 C.F.R § 1.63(d); and
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| Basic Application Fee | | | | | \$770.00 |
| Total Claims | 24 | MINUS 20 | 4 | \$18.00= | 72.00 |
| Independent Claims | 6 | MINUS 3 | 3 | \$86.00= | 258.00 |
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| Total Application Fee | | | | | \$1,100.00 |
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